

12 January 1959

Decision on

JCS 1907/162

(Berlin Situation) (U)

At their meeting on 12 January 1959 the Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations by the J-5 in paragraphs 9 and 10, page 885, of JCS 1907/162, after making the following amendments:

a. In accordance with Army purple CSAM 6-50, dated 12 January, itself amended as follows:

(1) Paragraph 1 a insert after "USSR" "and our own allies".

(2) Page 2, new paragraph 2, change the second sentence to read:- "The convoy and its combat escort will push through any opposition encountered, using force until stopped by force."

(3) New paragraph 3, second line, delete "forced to withdraw" and substitute "stopped by force".

(4) Change next to the last sentence to read:- "The decision to dispatch this force must be taken in full recognition that it may lead to further major military operations."

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(5) Page 2, new paragraph 2, (B), change to read:- "U.S. forces will have been placed on a war alert."

(6) Page 2, new paragraph 4, line 4, delete "the Soviet Union or GDR" and substitute "it".

(7) Page 2, line 5, delete "forced to lift the blockade" and substitute "lifted".

(8) Page 3, lines 2 and 3, delete :taken as to the ensuing action" and substitute "implemented".

b. JCS 1907/162, page 886, line 9, add the following sentence to paragraph 1:- "It is anticipated that General Norsted as SACEUR would be charged with the detailed military planning and the conduct of military operations."

c. Page 887, add the following to the footnote at the bottom of the page:- "and impose GDR restrictions on allied traffic."

d. Page 889, paragraph 3 b, delete and reletter subsequent paragraphs.

e. Page 891, paragraph 2 b, delete and reletter subsequent paragraph.

f. Page 893, paragraph 5, change to read:- "be prepared to counter Soviet or GDR efforts to jam allied air and ground communications and air navigational aids."

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